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SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey

Wikipedia turned 10 this year. To me that seems deserving of mention considering the attention it's received, particularly from those of us in the field of education and libraries. When it first arrived on the scene there was much ballyhooing regarding its reliability as a source of information. I remember attending "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!," an ALA event in Chicago. Peter Sagal mentioned using Wikipedia as a source of information for one of the stories. Librarians in the audience, along with Paula Poundstone, caused such a ruckus that the reference to Wikipedia was taken out of the recording. Funny, yet very telling of our suspicions of this popular resource for information.

Now, I think we've simmered down a bit, and at least acknowledge that Wikipedia can be a great starting place for information. It can even be a legitimate source as long as we're diligent in making note of where the information comes from and evaluating whether its reliable. As I think about it, maybe Wikipedia should get points for helping make the case of checking your facts and sources as a part of researching any topic. It's a practice that librarians and educators have preached forever to students doing research, and resources that provide us with information without bias are as limited as they've ever been – particularly in the area of popular media.

I learned a few things about Wikipedia from an interview with Jimmy Wales on NPR's *All Things Considered*. (Wales is the co-founder and promoter of Wikipedia.) I particularly liked a quote from Wales that I think makes a great vision statement: "... the dream of Wikipedia is to create a free encyclopedia for every single person on the planet, in their own language." Wow! Here are a few more insights from the NPR interview:

- Wikipedia is a nonprofit that does not accept ad revenue to keep the site running. Instead they have an annual campaign for donations – with the goal of \$16 million this year.
- Wikipedia has about 50 employees with plans to hire more in 2011 serving the 400 million visitors to the website every month.
- And, yes, anyone can edit entries in Wikipedia – even anonymously. Wales said that a few thousand individuals are active as contributors.
- Goals for Wikipedia are to make access as user friendly as possible to mobile devices, and also to expand to more languages.

You can find the transcript or listen to the interview with Wales recorded on *All Things Considered*, January 10th, 2011 on the NPR website: www.npr.org. NPR also asked listeners to post their thoughts on Wikipedia which included some interesting suggestions for Wikipedia entries like: How to Perform a High Five; The Great Molasses Flood of January 15, 1919; The Vulcan Salute and The Smurfs. Granted, probably not typical fodder for an encyclopedia, but it piqued my interest. And, my own personal recommendation would be Wikipedia's entry for Bob Dylan. Great pictures, history, lyrics and song links – more than any Dylan fan could possibly ask for.

Happy Birthday, Wikipedia!



Calendar

January 2011

January 25th — “The Story of Music, Stories from Home” program, 7 p.m., Beatrice Public Library, 100 North 16th Street . Free and open to the public.

January 27th – CASTL Meeting in the Atrium conference room (down the hall from Nebraska Library Commission on 2nd Floor, 1200 N Street). During the morning, attend the E-rate Basic Training at Nebraska Library Commission from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You'll need to register for it on the NLC website: www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=10217. During the afternoon, we'll shift gears and have a round robin to share ideas, questions, projects – you name it. We also encourage you to choose a title to read from the RUSA Reading List from the Romance genre. You can read the winner, *What Happens in London* by Julia Quinn, or one from the short list: *Chemistry for Beginners* by Anthony Strong; *Goddess of the Hunt* by Tessa Dare; *The Temptation of the Night Jasmine* by Lauren Willig; or *Vision in White* by Nora Roberts. Or if you're still not tempted, try one of the Read-Alikes: *Distraction* by Bruce Sterling; *Brasyl* by Ian McDonald or *Accelerando* by Charles Stross. Join us for part or all of the day.

January 27th – E-rate: Basic Training from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Nebraska Library Commission. Christa Burns will cover the basics of e-rate, the changes that have been made this year, and provide assistance completing the first two forms in the process, Form 470 & 471. To register go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=10217.

February 4th – Free Content for Library Collections, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., via Webcast or satellite downlink. Part of the College of DuPage teleconference series underwritten by Nebraska Library Commission. Register at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=9901. You are invited to watch as a group at Seward Memorial Library. Let SML know by February 3rd if you plan on attending.

February 11th – SELS Board Meeting at Beatrice Public Library

February 14th – Public Library Statistical Reports due via Bibliostat Collect. For more information go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/Statistics/BibliostatCollect.html.

February 18th – CASTL Meeting at Wymore Public Library, 10 to 3. JoAnn McManus from the NLC will be talking about the Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities project. We encourage you to choose a title from the RUSA Reading List (<http://rusa.ala.org/blog/2011/01/09/2011readinglist/>) from the Science Fiction genre. You can read the winner – *The Dervish House* by Ian McDonald, or one from the short list: *Ark* by Stephen Baxter, *Blonde Bombshell* by Tom Holt, *Darkship Thieves* by Sarah Hoyt, or *The Lifecycle of Software Objects* by Ted Chiang. Or if you're still not tempted, try one of the Read-Alikes: *Pattern Recognition* by William Gibson, *When Gravity Fails* by George Alec Effinger or *The Windup Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi. Join us for part or all of the day.

February 21st –Library Appreciation Reception at SouthPointe Barnes & Noble in Lincoln from 9:30 to 11 a.m. All Nebraska public librarians are invited.

February 24th – 26th – Nebraska State Reading Association Annual Conference at the Ramada Inn in Kearney. The preconference features Dr. Julie Kozisek, Professor of Education at Doane College, with a presentation on – Using Strategy Groups to Help Your Students Become Better Readers. Conference sessions include programs on evaluating new nonfiction titles, English language learners, strategies for reaching & teaching culturally and linguistically diverse learners, engaging boy readers and improving reading comprehension. For more information and to register go to: www.nereads.org.

February 25th – NLA Legislative Day – See page 9 for details.

March 4th – SELS Summer Reading Workshop at Gere Branch Library in Lincoln from 10 to 4. See page 8 for details.

March 6-12th – Teen Tech Week, see page 7 for details.

March 10th – SELS/NEMA Workshop at Adams Elementary Media Center in Lincoln from 5 to 7:30. See page 6 for details.



CASTL

Conversation Among Small Town Librarians

January CASTL Meetings

Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

There's no CASTL meeting news to report this month, but I'd like to touch on a couple of other topics that might be of interest:

Charitable IRA Rollover

First up, Richard Miller (NLC) shared an announcement from the Nebraska Community Foundation reporting that the **IRA Charitable Rollover** is an Option for Donors – which should be good news for 501(c)3 organizations and fund raising efforts.

President Obama signed The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 into law on December 17. This law restores the Charitable IRA Rollover for 2010 and 2011. Charitable IRA rollovers allow donors who are over 70½ to give individual retirement account (IRA) assets to charitable organizations free from federal tax.

You can find a one page information sheet on the new law at: http://www.nebcommfound.org/media/docs/IRA_rollover_one-pager-1.pdf, as well as additional information and tools on the Nebraska Community Foundation website: <http://www.nebcommfound.org/donors/how-to-give/ira-tax-free-rollover/>.

New Year's Resolutions for Board Members

I serve on the Board of Directors for an independent radio station and one of my fellow board members shared a great list of ten resolutions from Gail Perry's online resource, *Fired-Up Fundraising*™. Here's some of what was included, which would be great to share with your library board:

- Think big. You attract people – and resources – to your cause. Energy is everything when you are trying to create change.
- Be optimistic, no matter what. Negativity is self-defeating and deadening. It wipes out energy and passion and deadens momentum. Be the board member who has the point of view of abundance rather than scarcity.
- Go back to your vision over and over and over. It will keep you excited, focused, passionate, and results-oriented.
- Be the catalyst; be the provocateur. Challenge the status quo. Remember Jack Welch's quote: "If the change is happening on the outside faster than it is on the inside, the end is near." Be willing to ask, "Why are we doing this?"
- Support the staff. Ask them what they need from you. Ask them how you can support them. Tell them what a great job they are doing. A self-confident staff will perform at a high level.
- Be a sneezer and spread your organization's viral news wherever you go. Ideas are like viruses – they are contagious, spreading from person to person. Create an epidemic of good buzz about your organization all around.

To see Perry's full list go to:

www.gailperry.com/2010/12/new-years-resolutions-for-board-members/.



SPRING SCHOLARSHIP

The Southeast Library System Friends are happy to announce the opening of the spring scholarship application window. The Friends have up to \$245 to share with appropriate applicants who submit their request at www.selsfriends.org by February 14. Criteria outlining who may apply and the kinds of events that qualify can also be found there. Some examples of qualifying events that we know about include:

- Mileage for CASTL meetings on Feb. 18, March 18, April 14, or June 3
- Basic Skills class registration of \$10 for March 7
- NLA Legislative Day on Feb. 25
- Summer Reading Workshop on March 4
- NAIL meeting on March 8
- NEMA workshop on March 10
- NLA Paraprofessional Spring meeting on March 24
- MPLA in Billings, MT on April 5-8
- NLA Public Library & Trustee Section Spring meeting on April 15 (Norfolk) or 21 (Seward)
- Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyard on April 29
- NETA in LaVista April 28-29
- SELS Extravaganza on May 19
- ALA in New Orleans June 23-28

- Leadership Institute in Schuyler July 10-14
 - Spring colloquium – details to come
 - NLA Spring meetings not listed above (C&U, S&I, SCYP, YART)
 - Weeklong access to the PLA Virtual Conference from SELS
- Many other local opportunities, community classes, etc.

HARRY POTTER

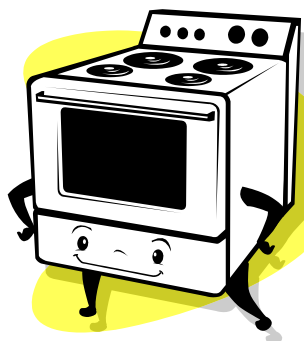
The private showing of **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1** on November 20 was great! We had 57 in attendance and made \$114.50 in profit. We are looking forward to a private showing of the final Harry Potter movie later this year.

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR

The Barnes and Noble book fair on November 26 was fantastic. Thanks to all of you who spent money in the store that day or online during the last week of November! The SELS Friends received \$569.39 from Barnes and Noble along with \$45 in donations for gift wrapping done that day. This wonderful outcome was twice as much as last year's holiday book fair!

AGED TO PERFECTION

Plans are underway for this year's Aged to Perfection event, scheduled for April 29 at James Arthur Vineyard. Watch for details!



We need 100 more recipes to be entered for a SELS Friends cookbook.

We hope to have it for sale at NLA/NEMA in October. Please, please, please, enter your recipes today! All login information is at www.selsfriends.org. We need you now, don't delay!

NLC Announces Continuing Education Grant Award Recipients for 2011

Congratulations to the following libraries and library systems!

- La Vista Public Library - Attend Mountain Plains Library Association Conference 2011
- Meridian Library System—Branding At Your Library
- Lincoln City Libraries—InService Day Speaker: Word of Mouth Marketing
- Nebraska Regional Systems—Michael Sullivan: Connecting Boys with Books & Breaking all the Rules
- John A. Stahl Library in West Point—MPLA Conference 2011
- Lincoln City Libraries—Nation Center for Family Literacy Conference
- Eastern Library System/Regional Library Systems—Shortcuts to Greatness Or 10 Things that Great Libraries Know and Maybe You Don't
- Eastern Library System and Southeast Library System—Spring Colloquium 2010
- Sump Memorial Library in Papillion—Staff/Consumer Digital Media Education in the Library



School Library Exchange Connects Libraries with Donors

A new website (<http://schoollibraryexchange.org/>) is working to connect cash-strapped libraries with donors willing to supply resources. Any public school is able to register at no cost. Once registered, the school can create a wishlist of the titles of their choice, with no restriction on the titles themselves or the number of copies requested. The library information and their wishlist are then posted on the site with a link to purchase the books from Amazon. Donors can also purchase titles at other locations, or provide used copies if they prefer.

All donors are required to register, leaving their full name and email address before purchasing books, but beyond that, it's a very simple process. For more information, visit the site.

Article paraphrased from Jan. 2011 School Library Journal, p. 17.



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- January 27th – Lincoln (Nebraska Library Commission & Atrium Conference Room)
- February 18th – Wymore Public Library
- March 18th – Greenwood Public Library
- April 14th – Exeter Public Library
- June 3rd – Seward Memorial Library (Golden Sower Book Review)
- July 22nd – Kilgore Memorial Library – York
- August 11th – Bruun Memorial Library – Humboldt
- September 16th – Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City
- November 3rd – Lincoln
- December 8th – Pawnee City Public Library

SELS/NEMA Workshop

March 10, 2011

Place: Adams Elementary Media Center
7401 Jacobs Creek Dr, Lincoln, Nebraska 68512

Time: 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Program:

- Light dinner
- Karla Wendelin's booktalk on this year's award winners
- Melody Kenney and others will present information on tablet devices
- Time for networking and sharing ideas with peers, and exploring the new media center at Adams!

Cost: \$10, includes dinner

Enclose \$10 registration fee for each person attending.

Registration deadline is **Friday, March 4, 2011.**

Make checks payable to Southeast Library System.

Name: _____

School/

Library: _____

E-Mail: _____

Send registration form to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

News and Notes



ALA Announces Youth Media 2011 Award Winners

Newbery Medal – for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature

- *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool

Caldecott Medal – for the most distinguished American picture book for children

- *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, illustrated by Erin E. Stead, written by Philip C. Stead

Printz Award – for excellence in literature written for young adults

- *Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi

Coretta Scott King Book Award – recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults

- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave*, illustrated by Bryan Collier and written by Laban Carrick Hill

Schneider Family Book Award – for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience

- *The Pirate of Kindergarten* by George Ella Lyon (ages 0 to 10)
- *After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick (ages 11-13)
- *Five Flavors of Dumb* by Antony John (ages 13-18)

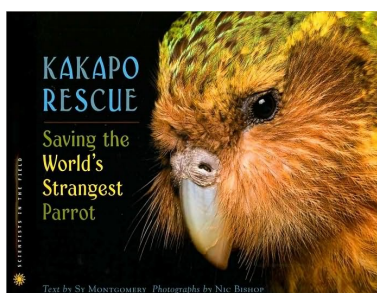
Pura Belpre (Author and Illustrator) Awards – honoring a Latino writer and an illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience

- *The Dreamer* by Pam Munoz Ryzn (author)
- *Grandma's Gift* illustrated and written

by Eric Velasquez (illustrator)

Robert F. Sibert Medal – for most distinguished informational book for children

- *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot* by Sy Montgomery



Theodor Seuss Geisel Award – for the most distinguished beginning reader book

- *Bink and Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee

YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

- *Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing* by Ann Angel

The awards announced include the **Alex Awards** for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences – which is one of my favorites for adding to my reading list. Included in that list: *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake: A Novel* by Aimee Bender and *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard* by Liz Murray. To see all 10 titles in the Alex Awards, other Award categories and honor awards go to: <http://ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pr.cfm?id=6048>.

Barnes and Noble Public Library Appreciation Event

Nebraska Public Librarians are welcome to attend a Library Appreciation reception at the South Pointe Barnes and Noble in Lincoln from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 21st. Enjoy a cup of Starbucks Coffee and a delicious scone from the Barnes and Noble cafe while you browse through the titles they have

specially selected for libraries. There will be a 20% book discount on library purchases and a Nook Color demonstration.



TEEN TECH WEEK *Yalsa* MARCH 6-12, 2011

Teen Tech Week

Do teens in your community realize your library goes beyond books? This Teen Tech Week™ (March 6-12) share the wealth of technology resources available at your library and help teens become competent and ethical users of those resources, including DVDs, databases, audiobooks and video games.

"Mix & Mash," this year's theme, encourages creative expression by combining writing, storytelling, movies, music and more. Whether it's with a laptop, social-networking tool, camera, flash drive, smartphone, or printer – mix and mash technology and creativity to celebrate Teen Tech Week. Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and is aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults.

You can find bookmarks, posters, decals, tattoos and other promotional items to purchase on the ALA website: <http://www.alastore.ala.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=272>. Get program and promotion ideas in celebrating Teen Tech Week on the YALSA website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw11/home11.cfm>.

Register for Teen Tech Week. It's free and gives you access to the 2011 logo and other benefits. Libraries are encouraged to celebrate during the designated week or at another time that may make more sense for the community you serve. Check it out!

One World, Many Stories

2011 SELS Summer Reading Workshop

Friday March 4th

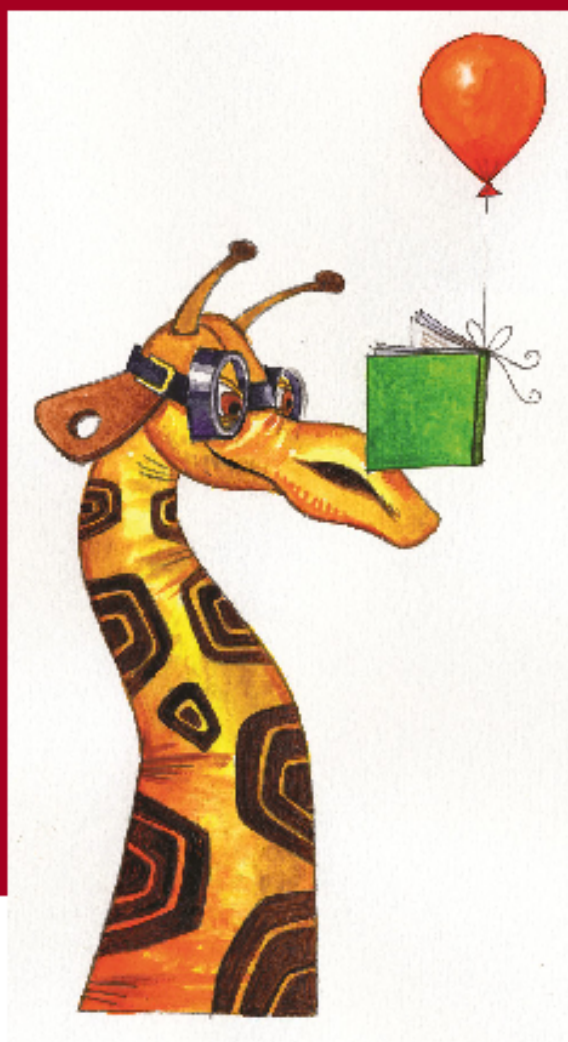
Join us at Gere Branch Library in Lincoln from 10 a.m. to 4

The Summer Reading workshop will include book reviews and book talks with Sally Snyder (NLC) and Glenda Willnerd (LPS), plus a visit from the Author of *Red Cell*, John Kalkowski, and teen program and service ideas. We'll have time for die cuts and idea sharing. So, bring a summer reading idea, program or book to share with your fellow librarians. Don't forget to bring paper for die cuts!

Cost: \$15

(includes lunch)

Earn 6 CE Credits



Name _____
Library _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Send Registration by February 25th to:
Southeast Library System
5730 R St., Suite C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505
Fax: (402)467-6196



8:00-9:00 a.m. Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 1126, State Capitol

Start the day off with refreshments and a visit with our senators, staff members and other librarians.

Don't Come Alone: Invite your senator, trustees and city officials too!

9:30-10:30 a.m. Briefing at Lincoln Woman's Club — 407 S. 14th

You will receive information on current legislation and library issues from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist, receive an update from State Librarian Rod Wagner.

10:30-11:30 a.m. Visit your Senator's office! Escort them to Lunch!

NOON Lunch at the Cornhusker Hotel

Invite your senator to a great lunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Please make sure to escort him/her to the luncheon. If your senator is unable to attend, invite his/her legislative aide — they are important contacts in the lobbying process and you should get to know them.

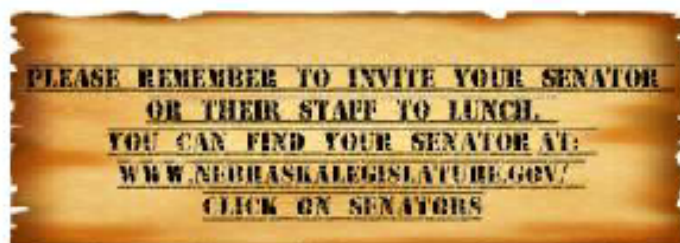
1:15-3:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

Tour the State Library — the oldest library in Nebraska, followed by a tour of the capitol.

Register online at

<https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=nlia&formId=94488>

Registrations must be received by: February 20, 2011
4 hours of Continuing Education



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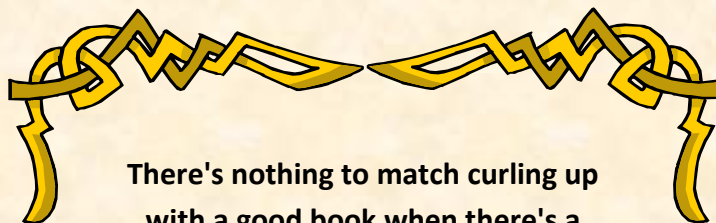
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There's nothing to match curling up
 with a good book when there's a
 repair job to be done around the
 house.

-Joe Ryan

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.